

# FRENCH GAIN GROUND

## REPUBLICANS MAKE SWEEP IN CITY ELECTION

### GERMANS HAVE HEAVY LOSSES

Shrapnel Works Havoc among the German Troops at Very Close Range.

#### RAKING FIRE BY FRENCH

Germans with New Formations Unable to Escape Furious Responses of Artillery.

PARIS, April 5.—The French gained ground north of Calais, wood, northeast of Verdun, in the course of several engagements during the night, the war office announced today.

In yesterday's fighting around Verdun the Germans lost considerable heavy casualties notwithstanding the new formation of their attacking parties.

At 2 p. m. after the ground had been battered by several hundred tons of projectiles a thin line of riflemen debouched from Chaufour wood a little to the northwest of Douaumont. The Germans advanced by short bounds towards the French trenches about 300 yards south of the village. A second and third line followed at equal distances with small supporting and attacking columns in the rear. This formation has been noted during the last few days and is regarded by the French as proof that the Germans have been sorely punished in their previous assaults in serried ranks.

But the charge proved ineffective. The first line of riflemen advanced to within fifty yards of the French trenches and there had to drop to the ground under heavy shrapnel fire and sustained musketry. The second and third lines attempted to advance to the support of the first line but were stopped far in the rear by machine gun fire.

The Germans in the first line were in a very critical position. Shrapnel worked havoc among them. To charge was out of the question and as long as they remained at the point to which they had advanced they were exposed to a devastating fire. The second and third lines were little better off for they were within range of the French three inch guns. The entire attacking force finally adopted the only move open, retreating under a raking fire to Chaufour wood. They left half their number on the field. At least three regiments took part in the attack.

The action of yesterday is regarded by military men as of great significance as showing that the Germans, even with their new formation, are unable to escape the furious responses of French artillery; that the French positions, though they may be vulnerable at certain exposed points, cannot be shaken, and that the French counter offensive is effective.

#### GERMAN STATEMENT OF WAR OPERATIONS

BERLIN, April 5.—The German war office today announced:

"During the month of March in aerial engagements on the western front the Germans lost fourteen aeroplanes of which seven were lost in air combats. Three were shot down from the ground and four are missing. The British and French lost forty-four aeroplanes of which thirty-eight were lost in air combats, four were shot down on the ground and two were forced to land within the German lines. Twenty-five enemy aeroplanes fell into German hands."

#### MINES CLOSED

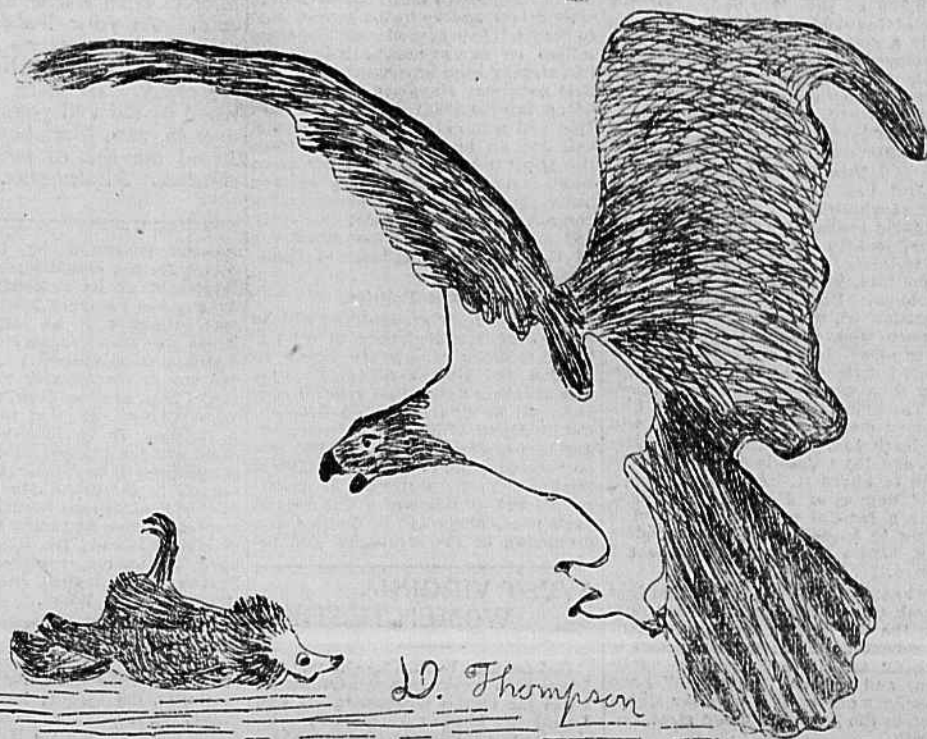
In Two Valleys Because of the Strike of 8,000 Miners for Recognition of Union.

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa., April 5.—Thirty-eight mines in the Allegheny and Kiskiminetas valleys were closed Wednesday because of a strike of 8,000 miners for recognition of the union which they recently joined. They also want an eight-hour day and a conference with the operators to settle a number of less important matters. President Van Bittner, of District No. 5, United Mine Workers, and James Oates, president of District No. 7, addressed the miners here today and counselled them to refrain from violence. The Ford Collieries Company and the Bessemer Coal and Coke Company of Russellton, it was announced at the meeting, had already signed the scale.

#### TO CONSIDER CONTEMPT.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Without opposition the House today adopted a resolution for a special committee to consider contempt charges against United States District Attorney Marshall at New York which grew out of the indictments there of Representative Buchanan, of Illinois.

#### TUESDAY'S TRAGEDY



## MORE TROOPS NEEDED IN PURSUIT OF VILLA

#### FOOD SCARCE

On the Border and the American Forces in Mexico May Be Entirely Cut Off.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Senator Fall, Republican, of New Mexico, telegraphed from the border today to Senator Gallinger that the food situation for the American expeditionary force in Mexico was precarious and there was still danger that all means of communication with the American forces far in the interior would be cut off.

Senator Fall, who is watching the situation for the Senate Republicans, asked whether he should return and Senator Gallinger telegraphed him that it would be wise for him to remain on the border for a while longer.

#### STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, April 5.—The Spanish steamer Vigo of 1,137 gross tons was sunk in the bay of Biscay by a German submarine, according to a Lloyds report. The crew were set adrift in a boat and later were picked up by the British steamer Polo and taken to Gibraltar. Lloyds also reports the sinking of the British steamer Ben Dew of 3,681 tons gross with the loss of one of the crew.

#### FARMERS' MEETING.

A joint meeting of the farmers of Marion and Harrison county will be held at Wyatt Friday, beginning at 10 a. m. Demonstration work, lime, commercial fertilizers and other timely subjects will be discussed. A good attendance is very much desired.



OUR MAYOR

Detachments of Infantry Are Ordered to Be Trained for Mountain Climbing.

#### TASK GROWS DIFFICULT

Long Hunt is Anticipated by the Commander of American Forces in Mexico.

TORREON, Mexico, April 5.—A Villa band under Simon Reyes and Chacon took forty-two killed in an attempt to surprise the garrison in the mining town of Tarras, several miles east of here, just Saturday. The garrison under Colonel J. M. Gonzales drove off the bandits and captured a quantity of arms and a number of horses.

EL PASO, April 5.—The problem of locating and capturing Villa somewhere within an area of 1,600 square miles confronts Brigadier General Pershing today.

Information from the front states that the American troops have been disposed to the best possible advantage, but the task of running down the Mexican bandit in an ever widening territory as the brigand moves southward into Mexican interior becomes increasingly difficult.

More troops are necessary, it is declared. General Pershing has ordered that detachments of infantry be trained for mountain climbing and the establishment of a sort of American chasseur corps will be undertaken.

The American commander anticipates a long hunt and is preparing for it. A Torreon despatch places Villa at Malca, ninety miles southwest of Cuernavaca. If this is true the bandit is probably proceeding along the old coach road that leads into Santa Rosalia, whence he could move on to Parral, his reported objective.

Through the intercession of Mexican Consul Garcia the execution of three ring leaders of the conspiracy to seize Juarez last Sunday night and declare for the Villa-Felix Diaz plot has been stayed. The conspirators were to have faced a firing squad in Juarez at sunrise today. The El Paso police are searching for a score of Mexican plotters who are said to be hiding in this city.

#### VILLA BAND SHATTERED BY CARRANZA FORCES

EL PASO, Tex., April 5.—In an attack on Villa forces at Cienegueta yesterday, General Cavazos killed ten men and scattered the band, according to a report given out today by General Gavira, in Juarez.

Cavazos said he was following the fugitives, but called on General Gutierrez to rush forces against Satoro, Nalca, Santa Gertrudis and other points where they were supposed to be heading. In Cavazos's force only one man was wounded.

#### TWO MEN ARRESTED.

Two men giving the names of George Jenkins and Thomas Jones were arrested in Glen Elk Tuesday night by Police Officer Yates on charges of disorderly conduct. Their trial is scheduled to come up before Mayor G. H. Gordon in police court at 7 o'clock this evening.

### EXPONENT IDEA GOES WITH POP

Nursery Notion of a Political Issue is Killed As Suddenly As It Was Born and All the Gang's Horses and All the Gang's Men Can't Put the Thing Back Together Again

#### Unofficial Returns, City Election, April 4, 1916

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Totals	Majority
For Mayor—							
Robert B. Phillips, D.	190	155	180	181	247	962	
G. Harry Gordon, R.	250	342	308	252	337	1490	528
For Chief of Police—							
K. N. Sappington, D.	222	187	193	236	258	1096	
Harry L. Brooks, R.	219	310	299	206	326	1362	266
For City Clerk—							
William R. Johnson, D.	220	209	196	218	332	1175	
Will H. Cole, R.	213	282	288	216	246	1245	70
For Superintendent of Streets—							
M. M. Bradford, D.	182	162	175	206	259	984	
Edward J. Doyle, R.	249	332	307	222	314	1424	440
For Collector and Treasurer—							
Lewis M. Sutton, D.	190	175	163	211	250	989	
L. Harper Rogers, R.	234	319	320	219	327	1419	430
For Member Water Works and Sewerage Board—							
Thomas S. Lang, D.	213	148	171	185	215	912	
Truman J. Lynch, R.	222	344	307	259	355	1487	575
For City Assessor—							
John W. Harbert, D.	186	153	146	167	242	894	
John D. Owens, R.	243	341	327	257	330	1498	604
For School Commissioner—							
G. M. Barnett, D.	168	124	141	132	255	820	
Robert Morris, R.	256	367	339	294	375	1631	811
For Council—							
John A. Flaherty, D.	238					238	36
Michael Crowley, R.	202					202	
Charles B. Stout, D.	171					171	
Calvin Wilson, R.	323					323	152
Thomas E. Lee, D.	186					186	
Darius S. Lawman, R.	294					294	108
Frank G. Bland, D.	206					206	
Charles L. Patton, R.	221					221	15
U. W. Jarvis, D.	243					243	
W. B. Conaway, R.	339					339	97

The Exponent's suddenly conceived and privately manufactured boom to annex suburban towns by the fantastical expedient of electing a Democratic mayor of Clarksburg exploded with a slight pop Tuesday night when figures rolled in from the different wards of the city and showed that the entire Republican ticket headed by Mayor George H. Gordon had been elected by lopsided majorities, the single exception to a clean sweeping of the platter being the election of a Democratic councilman in the First ward by a majority of 36.

#### At Newspaper Office.

The annexation boom exploded—perhaps it would be better to say that it imploded as there was nothing in it—on the pavement in front of the Exponent office in West Pike street; and it was discovered that the thing had never got any farther away from that office, although some of the Democratic gang headed by W. Guy Tietrick had been "sweating blood" over it for days.

Following the implosion, the remnants of the great idea were swept upon a piece of cardboard and carried into the editorial office of the

Exponent. Nobody could make anything out of the stuff and a hurry call was sent out for Dr. J. W. Johnston, the great counselor of Democratic defeats, with the request that he bring his microscope along. It is said that Dr. Johnston couldn't tell what the thing was even with his microscope and he deferred an examination until today, although reports in the morning were that the great boom had shriveled into thin air—had vanished completely. Thus another brilliant intellectual achievement came to naught.

#### Democrats Disgusted.

Throughout the city, Democrats expressed disgust over the idiotic annexation boom and pity for Herbert B. Phillips, the genial Democratic candidate for mayor, that he should have been insulted and abused by the Democratic ringsters with such silly trash. In fact, there was considerable bitter feeling and it was appeased only by the suggestion that perhaps a lunacy board might be appointed to look into the situation. Many Democrats were of the opinion that if the annexation insanity had not been brought out in the campaign, Phillips might have got a few more votes.

#### Republicans Thankful.

It is understood that the Republican city executive committee will meet in a few days and pass resolutions of thanks to the Democratic gang for its thoughtfulness in helping along the great Republican victory.

The splendid Republican victory, however, was not entirely due to the annexation gibberish as all friends of those who were on the Republican ticket know. Mayor Gordon's administration received a rousing endorsement of 637 majority, while in some instances the majorities ran away over the half thousand mark, popular and efficient Robert Morris for school commissioner running like wild fire and tearing off a majority of 811. It is pretty fine to have a runner on a ticket like Mr. Morris.

#### CLAIMS SETTLED

Under Compensation Act Arising from Explosion Aggregate \$25,000.

ALTOONA, Pa., April 5.—Claims aggregating \$25,000, one of the largest adjustments under the workmen's compensation act, were today settled upon the widows of the eight miners killed by an explosion at Robinsdale, Somerset county, last week. It was one of the speediest settlements effected. Compensation, became effective April 1. The Conemaugh Smokeless Coal Company, which operates the mine in which the disaster occurred, paid the widows the wages earned by their husbands and the state insurance department advanced them sufficient money to meet emergency needs until Referee Jacob Snyder's award is available.



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